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The Hon. Dr. Ho Kai asked at the Legislative Council meeting this afternoon:—
Will the Honourable the Attorney General state whether he has any objection to give the reasons which governed him in not filing an indictment for manslaughter at the last Sessions in the Portland Street Building Collapse case?
The Hon. Attorney General said: His Excellency the Governor had already expressed to me a desire that the reasons which governed the Attorney General in not filing an indictment for manslaughter at the recent Sessions in the Portland Street Building Collapse case should be known to the public.
They are as follows: After the Coroner's enquiry the prosecution obtained important expert evidence as to the construction of the buildings. This evidence did not establish such a degree of negligence as could justify a prosecution for manslaughter and in the opinion of the Attorney General no jury could possibly have convicted having regard to it. The evidence also clearly demonstrated that the main supervision of the work was not controlled by Mr. Bird and as a fact the building Contract specifically named the Architects to be "Clement Palmer and Arthur Turner" and did not include the name of Mr. Bird. This point however was not material having regard to the absence of proof of negligence previously alluded to. In the Shikwan case the evidence taken before the Coroner on the other hand clearly established grave negligence against the Contractor.

DIAMOND JUBILEE OF EMPEROR FRANCIS JOSEPH.

Celebrations at Hongkong.
In celebration of the Diamond Jubilee of H. M. Francis Joseph, Emperor of Austria, and King of Hungary, the Consulate at Hongkong was closed on Wednesday and Consul and Mrs. von Wiser held an "At Home," at their residence "The Fire," Magazine Gap Road, during the afternoon. There was a very large number of callers, including His Excellency Sir Frederick Lugard, attended by Captain Simons, A.D.C., and Mr. A. J. Brackenbury, Private Secretary, H. E. General Broadwood, the Officer Commanding the Forces, H. E. Vice-Admiral Sir "Walter" Lambton, and his A.D.C., Flag Lieutenant H. B. Mullen, Commodore Mrs. and Miss Lyon, Bishop Pozzani, the Consuls representing the various nations of the world, Hon. Mr. F. H. and Mrs. May, Hon. Mr. W. and Mrs. Chatham, Hon. Mr. E. A. Hervey, Sir Francis Pigott, Capt. Blanchflower, Capt. G. C. Heathcote, Lieutenant Colonel Bayard, Commanding Officer of the Buffs, Major Percy J. Probyn of the Royal Army Medical Corps, the Officers Mess of the Royal Garrison Artillery, the Officers Mess of the Buffs, the Commanding officers of the German cruisers and gunboat "Toucan" and "Seydlitz," with their Mess Officers, the Right Reverend Father Augustin Plancher, the Rev. Canon and Mrs. Joanne Muller, Mr. and Mrs. Harris of the Imperial Chinese Customs of Kowloon, the Austro-Hungarian Colony and many civilians. Flags and bunting were displayed, also a large portrait of His Majesty wreathed with evergreens. The band of "The Buffs" discoursed an excellent programme of music including:—
March "Under the Double Eagle," Overture "Tannhauser," Wagner, "Himmelsdrum," Verdi, Valse "Blue Danube" Strauss, Polonaise Chopin, Selection "Faust," Gounod, Entr'acte, from 3rd Act Lohengrin, March "Hoch Habsburg" Kaiser.
The Consul subsequently conveyed the congratulations of H. E. the Governor to Vienna by telegram and the Austro-Hungarian community later dined with Mr. Ritzmann, who is president of the Austro-Hungarian Benevolent Society at Hongkong.
The programme rendered by the band of the Buffs under Bandmaster O. B. Hewitt at this reception was highly appreciated by those who had the pleasure of listening to it. Such a high class of music has never been heard in the Colony for many a day and it is to be hoped that similar treats may be in store for us during the time we may have the pleasure of having the Buffs with us. Bandmaster Hewitt has the band under splendid control and it was apparent to all who listened, not only to the performance yesterday afternoon, but also at the St. Andrew's Hall, to observe what a pleasure it is to have a first class band amongst us. The high expectations of the Hongkong public as regards the musical attainments of the band have been fully realised.

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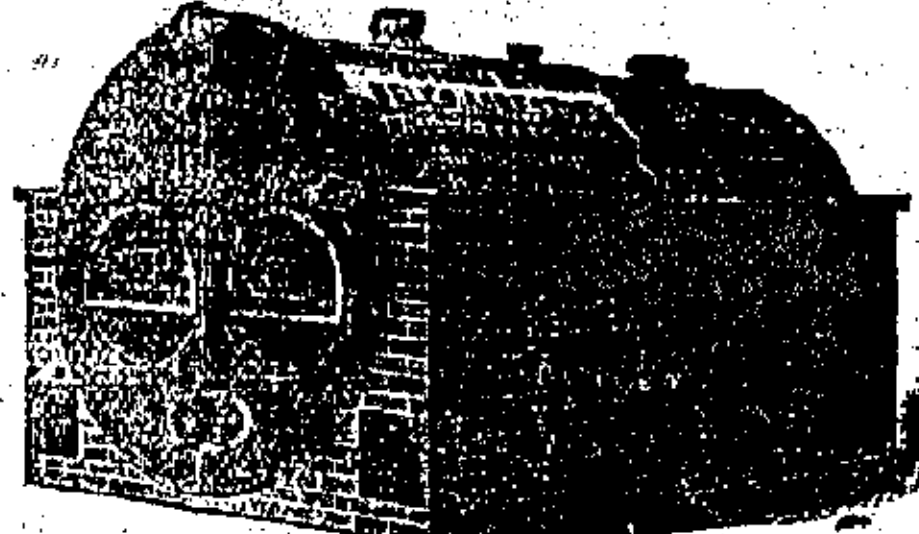
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is what Mr. Arthur Sampson said at Leith the other evening. It is being asked how Mr. Sampson came to this finding.

THIS WEEK'S "RELIABLE."

A steward on one of the Clyde steamers got a shock the other day from which he has not yet recovered. In the first saloon there was only a single passenger, a lady, who vainly tried to open the window and let in some fresh air, which was badly needed. As the window would not move, she cried to the steward. He came forward and said his best, but the window remained refractory. "The fact is, madam," he said, "the window was painted a week ago, and they're fair jammed—be hanged to them; and it was too much for me and you together to budge them." "Very unfortunate," said the lady, "what am I to do?" The place is very stuffy.

The steward, who had other things to look after, did not hesitate to tell her, and pretty brusquely, that "the folk went on deck when they wanted fresh air; it's a fine day, and if ye gang there ye'll get a' the air ye need, and some mair to spare." The lady took the advice in good part, and went on deck. A few minutes later a man-servant came to the steward and asked for a deck chair for a lady. "Whatna leddy?" asked the steward, who was getting short of temper. "Her Royal Highness," "Who did ye say?" inquired the steward hurriedly. "Her Royal Highness the Princess Louise," replied the servant haughtily. "Gude God!" ejaculated the steward. In five minutes every available man on the ship was down with a chisel trying to pry open the obstinate window.

SUPRAGETTES IN THE HOUSE OF COMMONS.

Chained to the "Grills."

Extraordinary scenes were witnessed in the House of Commons on Oct. 28th during the debate on the Licensing Bill.

Mr. Remnant, Unionist member for Holborn, was addressing the House when suddenly there was a shrill cry from the Ladies' Gallery. "Women of England demand the vote!" and simultaneously there was hung forth through a convenient chink in the "grille" a banner which bore the device "The Women's Freedom League demands votes for women this session." Mr. James Caldwell, who was acting as Chairman of Committees, called for "Order, order," while Mr. Remnant went on addressing his observations to the Treasury Bench. The original interrupter, who is understood to have been a Miss Muriel Mathers, tried her voice in contest with Mr. Remnant. "The women of England," the lady was heard to say, "demand the vote. We are tired of listening behind this insulting grille. Give us our right to vote. We protest against the inaction of the Government. Stop talking about the Licensing Bill and listen to the women." Other ladies in the gallery joined in the cry: "Votes for women! give us justice!"

The ordinary male attendant of the Ladies' Gallery rushed forward. Other male reinforcements were speedily on the scene, when, to their consternation, they found that Miss Mathers and another lady, Miss Helen Fox, had succeeded in securely fastening themselves with chains to two separate sections of the "grille" at either end of the gallery. Each lady had a grapple round her waist; attached to it was a chain, which was passed through the iron truss work, and the whole was fastened by a padlock, the key of which being absent.

It was in vain that the attendants expostulated with the ladies. They continued to shout with all their might. In sheer desperation the guardians of law and order, had to wrench the panels of the grille from their sockets and bodily convey ladies, grilles, chains, and all out of the gallery. Miss Mathers was the first to go. Miss Fox remained, and all the time that the perspiring attendants were endeavoring to release her from her bonds she went on addressing the House. "Let justice be done to us," she cried. "We demand the right to vote." Mr. Remnant raised his voice, but the screams of the women drowned it, and the words "Cowards" and "Bastards" were hissed out with vehemence, as the ladies were finally removed, and the gallery itself was cleared and closed for the night.

Replying to the Premier as to what steps should be taken to maintain the dignity and order of the House, the Speaker said:—

"In reply to the right hon. gentleman, I have to say that in consequence of what has occurred, in consequence of the deficiencies having been violated (cheers), and the privileges granted by this House grossly abused (cheers)—not for the first time—I have felt it to be my duty most reluctantly to order that for a time the Strangers' and Ladies' Galleries shall be closed." (Loud cheers.)

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Meeting.

5.30 p.m.—Meeting of Hongkong Civil

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General Memoranda.

SATURDAY, December 6:—

2.30 p.m.—Auction of Chinese Porcelain,

&c., at Mr Geo. P. Lamont's Sales

Rooms.

Goods per Lightning undelivered after 4

p.m. this date will be landed.

MONDAY, December 7:—

2.45 p.m.—Auction of Household Furni-

ture, &c., at No. 2, Canton Villas,

Kowloon.

TUESDAY, December 8:—

Goods per China undelivered at 5 p.m.

on this date subject to rent.

THURSDAY, December 10:—

2 p.m.—Tenders for the Supply of Alcon

Cement, at Yue-Han Railway Co.'s

Head Office, Canton.

9 p.m.—Performance at City Hall.

MONDAY, December 21:—

10 a.m.—Auction of Victualling Stores,

at H.M. Naval Establishments.

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THE GIFT OF PROPHECY.

Is Sir ROBERT HART also among the

prophets? Speaking at Lieburn, in

county Antrim, the other day—according

to the special telegram published by the

China Mail on Tuesday—he declared

that within the next one or two hundred

years China, individually and nationally,

will be as strong as the Germany of

to-day and that she will then say to the

nations there shall be no more war. No

Oriental people have ever been better

served by an Occidental servant than

has China by Sir ROBERT HART. Forty-

nine years he has spent in her service,

and from the moment that he took the

place vacated by Mr HORATIO NELSON LAY

down to the present day he has worked

for her wholeheartedly, building up a

Customs service which is a model of

integrity and uprightness in a land

where the public service is honeycombed

with corruption, and where peculation in

high places is looked upon as but in the

natural order of things. We have often

wondered whether the Chinese really

appreciate all that Sir ROBERT HART has

done for them. True they have heaped

the highest honours upon him,

making him a Junior Guardian of the

Empire, and ennobling his ancestors

for three generations back, and entrusting

him with the most delicate

negotiations in times of great national

danger. But deep down in their hearts,

what is their opinion of the brilliant

Irishman who has given so ungrudgingly

a whole lifetime to them? Who can

say. But if we have occasion to doubt

the actuality of Chinese feeling, there is

no room for speculation regarding Sir

Robert's opinion concerning China and

the Chinese. Just after the Boxer

troubles we find him writing:—

"It must be freely allowed that the

Chinese possess quite as large a share of

admirable qualities as others, and

that these are not merely to be found in

isolated cases here and there but are

characteristic of the race as a whole and

the civilization it has developed. They

are well-behaved, intelligent, economical

and industrious; they can learn any-

thing and do anything; they worship

talent, and they believe in right so

firmly that they seem to think it re-

quires to be supported or enforced by

might; they delight in literature, and

everywhere they have their literary

clubs and coteries for hearing and dis-

cussing each other's essays and verse; they

possess an admirable

system of ethics, and they are generous,

charitable and fond of good works; they

never forget a favour and they make

rich return for any kindness, and

workmen, and of a good faith that

everyone acknowledges and admires in

their commercial dealings; in no country

that is or was has the commandment,

'honour thy father and thy mother'

been so religiously obeyed or so

fully and without exception given

effect to and it is in fact the keynote of

their family, social, official, and

national life, and because it is so, their

days are long in the land. God has

given them respect and not contempt,

conciliation and not dictation, ap-

preciation and not differential treat-

ment—try this prescription and you will

have a healthy body politic."

Elsewhere he wrote:—

"There is such a thing as Chinese

feeling and Chinese aspiration; and

these will never be stamped out, but

will live and seethe and work beneath

the surface through all time, even under

the most beneficent rule, and in the end

it may be sooner or it may be later,

assert themselves and win their object."

There is no lack of sincerity in this

appreciation of an ancient people, and at

the time these words first appeared they

created quite a sensation. In all his

speeches since he has been home Sir

Robert HART has struck the same note,

and naturally some European critics

THE S.S. FATSHAN CASE.

INQUIRY HELD.

No Decision Arrived At.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

CANTON, December 2.

On Monday several European doctors and one foreign-trained Chinese doctor examined the body of the Chinese passenger who was reported as having been dead to death on the S.S. Fatshan, and they all came to the conclusion that he had died from disease and not from the ill-treatment which he was said to have received. The man was very thin, all the bones were prominent; he had many of the signs that betrayed the opium smoker.

The Nam Hoi magistrate held an official examination on the corpse and the conclusion came to was that the man had been murdered. Attached to the magistracy are two minor officials who report on all such cases. The magistrate himself never goes near the body at an official examination of this kind. He stands back and leaves that duty to these two officials. One of them examines the body closely and reports aloud to the magistrate as he proceeds, while the other takes the report down in writing.

On Monday this performance was gone through on the Fatshan wharf. One old respectable looking Chinaman bent over the body and observed a large discoloured mark on the back, in the shape of a cross. Then stooping lower he seemed to be observing the forehead more closely. Next he placed his fingers on the reddish part as if to feel it. After looking at it again for some time he began to rub it, and again closely inspected it. More rubbing and another look. This was followed by gentle tapping on the part which was receiving such close scrutiny. After having proceeded in this manner for what seemed quite a long time, he took up on his finger and a very tiny drop of water, and placed it on the spot that had been causing him so much anxiety. Another careful inspection and, evidently not satisfied with the drop of water he began again his rubbing and tapping. After some time he placed another equally small drop of water on the man's forehead and a minute examination followed.

"Goodness knows what came after that. The Europeans who were watching desired of seeing the end of the examination continued at the same rate and came away."

In a Chinese book of instructions for such cases this test by a drop of water is described. A drop of water should be placed upon any part of the body which shows signs of having received a blow. If the water runs off the part, it is considered as a proof that no blow was received. If, however, the water remains where placed, it is regarded as conclusive evidence that the part has received injury. It remains one of the old Saxon days and the trials by ordeal.

What made this examination particularly amusing were the seriousness and air of careful scrutiny of the old man, the length of time he took over his preparatory rubbings and tappings, just as if he were trying to bring some more redness into the forehead, and last and best of all the minute drop of water that could not possibly have run off even if a typhoon had been blowing.

Whatever other tests there were his ultimately came to the conclusion that the deceased had died of the injuries he had received. The remaining tests, which were probably carried out in the same manner, similar precautions being taken to avoid failure of any one of them.

Among respectable Chinese the result of this examination possesses no value as they recognise that these men would be too much afraid to report otherwise lest the mob should get at them and leave them in a condition that would call for a similar examination on their own bodies by their successors in office.

The magistrates themselves know how worthless the reports of these officials are, and their work is merely another example of the "look-see pigskin," of which the Chinese are so fond. The following experience of a Canton European will serve to show the truth of this.

This gentleman speaks Mandarin and Cantonese well and some years ago he had business to transact with a magistrate in the Hongshan district. He lived with the magistrate for a couple of days, and the first night the magistrate asked to be excused as he had some cases to attend to in court; the business of his court, he explained, was carried on in the evening. On asking leave to accompany him the European was granted permission and they went into the court-room together. The judge took his seat on a given seat beside him. On each seat was a writer.

This first case was between one of the long coat class and a coolie. The long-coat gentleman was introduced first. He fell on his knees before the platform and bowed to the judge. Then still on his knees, he told his story. He had been walking along the street one wet day with umbrella up and at one part had been jostled by a coolie and a rib of the coolie's oil-paper umbrella had run against his eye. On remonstrating with the coolie the latter had returned some abusive language, and the gentleman had run his umbrella into the coolie's ribs. Then had followed a free fight during which he had received cuts on his face and arms.

Then the official examiner was called to inspect the wound. This official proved to be a dispirited coolie-looking old fellow. He looked at the wound for some time, and then reported aloud that it was a fairly deep cut from which blood had flowed freely.

On hearing this the magistrate leaned over towards the European and said in a whisper, "He has paid the old man two dollars."

Then the coolie was called in and he knelt and told somewhat the same story except that the long-coat gentleman had commenced the bad language. He, also, had a wound to show which he said had been received in the scuffle. The old man on being called to examine the coolie's wound reported that it was very slight. "This fellow," the magistrate whispered again, "has paid him twenty cents."

In giving his judgment, the magistrate entirely disregarded the report of the official examiner; he removed the long-coat gentleman for having so far forgotten his dignity as to quarrel in the street with a coolie, and next advised the coolie to have dared to assault a gentleman. Then he dismissed both with the warning that should they be involved again in such an unseemly squabble he would deal with the matter more seriously.

An inquiry into the Fatshan case was held in the British Consulate yesterday. There were present the Portuguese Consul, Dr. Davenport, the Nam Hoi Magistrate, Cheung, Deputy Jailer, and a jury. The British Consul questioned the four witnesses for a long time but no decision was arrived at.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

His Excellency Sir Frederick Lugard

presided at the meeting of the Legislative

Council which was held this afternoon.

There were also present—

Hon. Mr. F. H. MAY (Colonial Secretary).

Hon. Mr. W. RUSSELL DAVIES, K.C.

(Attorney General).

Hon. Mr. W. C. CHATHAM (Director of Public Works).

Hon. Mr. A. M. TAYLOR (Colonial Treasurer).

Hon. Mr. E. A. IRVING (Registrar General).

Hon. F. J. BADDLEY, Capt. Sept. of Police.

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Hon. Mr. W. J. GAZDAR.

Hon. Mr. E. A. HEWITT.

Mr. O. CLEMENT (Clerk of Council).

VILLAGE OBJECT TO PROPOSED SITE FOR LATRINE.

The Hon. Colonial Secretary proposed

the following resolution—Whereas ap-

plication has been duly made by the

Sanitary Board to the Governor under

section 167 of the Public Health and

Buildings Ordinance 1903 for the erection

of a Public Latrine in the Wong Nei

Chung village immediately to the South

of 16 and near House No. 112; and

whereas such application having been

approved by the Governor and a notice

of intention to erect a public latrine upon

such site having been duly published in

the public notice board of the village, the

inhabitants of the above village have

objected to such erection; and whereas

the objections so made have been con-

sidered by this Council; it is hereby

resolved by this Council that the above

mentioned site and the erection thereon

of a public latrine be approved.

The petition from To Tai, Lo Pak

Lung, Ip Tin, Ng Ta Fuk and Tsui

Hin of Nos. 102, 103, 104, 106, 106 and

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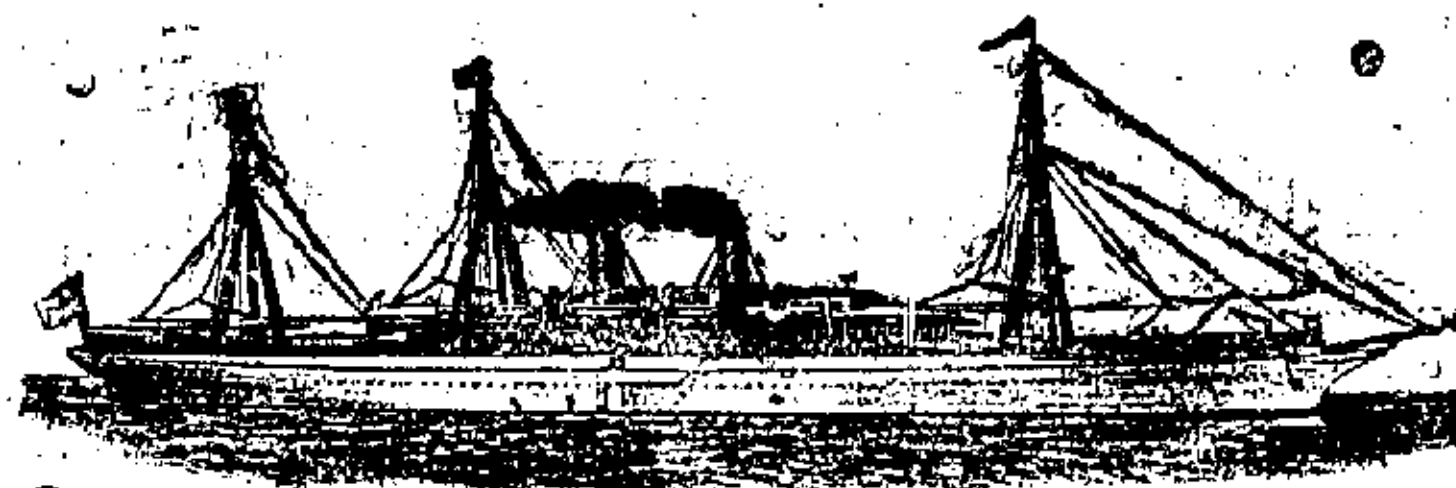
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VICTORIA, B.O., AND SEATTLE, VIA SHANGHAI, MOI, KOBÉ, YOKOHAMA AND YOKOHAMA.	KAGA MARU, Capt. G.S. Laprak, Tons 6301	TUESDAY, 8th Dec., at 4 p.m.
	TOSU MARU, Capt. J. Nagao, Tons 6628	TUESDAY, 22nd Dec., at 4 p.m.
SYDNEY AND MELBOURNE, VIA MANILA, THURSDAY ISLAND, TOWNSVILLE AND BRISBANE.	NIKKO MARU, Capt. A. R. Moses, Tons 5539	THURSDAY, 24th Dec., at Noon.
	KUMANO MARU, Capt. N. Matheson, Tons 5676	FRIDAY, Dec. 22, at Noon, 1908.
KOBÉ AND YOKOHAMA.	KAWACHI MARU, Capt. H. Peterson, Tons 6101	SATURDAY, 13th Dec., at Daylight.
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NAGASAKI, KOBÉ AND YOKOHAMA.	KUMANO MARU, Capt. N. Matheson, Tons 5676	WEDNESDAY, 23rd Dec., at Noon.
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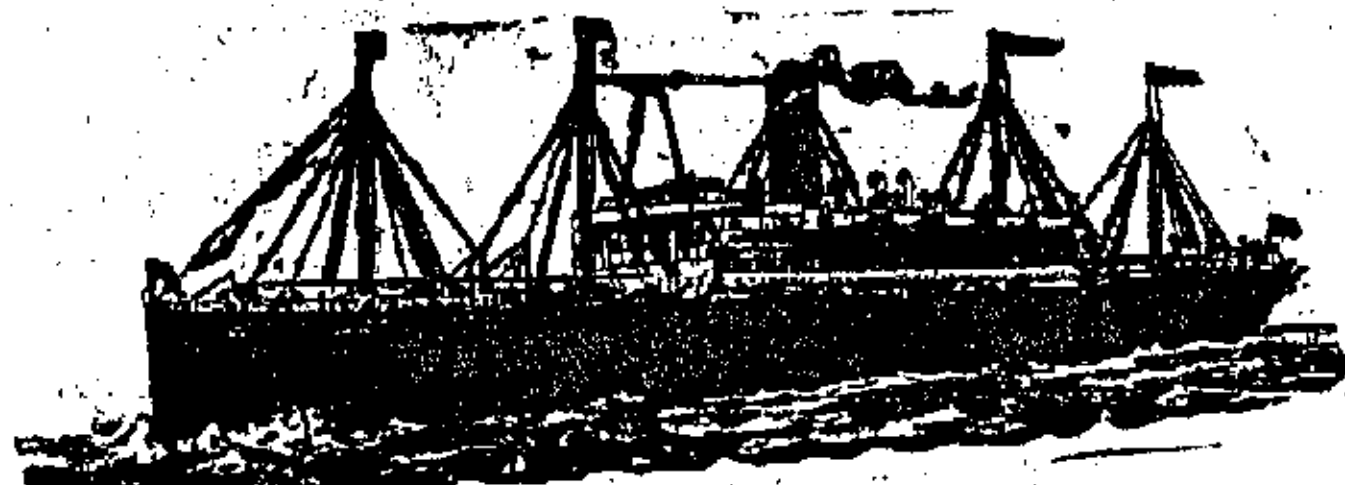
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SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBÉ AND YOKOHAMA	BURLOW, Capt. H. Formos	THURSDAY, 18th Dec., at Noon.
MANILA, YAP, NEW GUINEA, SAMARANG, SINGAPORE, SYDNEY AND MELBOURNE	MANILA, Capt. J. Minssen	THURSDAY, 18th Dec., at 6 p.m.
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THE PURITY OF FOOD.

The Lancet of the 24th October contains a long and interesting article upon the manufacture of Lencos, Oxo and Nursing Oxo, and the huge cattle-rearing industry connected therewith.

The proprietors of the Lancet are to be congratulated on their initiative in dealing with such an important subject. Medical men must often regret that they have not the opportunity of visiting the vast Argentine cattle farms where these concentrated foods are prepared, and see with their own eyes the scrupulous care and scientific methods which are employed to ensure the maximum amount of dietetic efficiency being maintained. They will, therefore, be specially interested in reading the account of an expert eye-witness who has evidently been initiated into the innermost secrets of the business.

As is generally known, articles in the Lancet are written for the benefit of the medical profession and nurses, but this particular subject is of such interest, and the descriptive part has been handled so realistically, that the article in question is of real interest to the general public.

After dwelling upon the origin of Lencos, the researches of the celebrated Baron Justus von Liebig, and the formation in 1865 of the Liebig Company—the originators of the manufacture of concentrated beef foods—the Commissioner goes on to say:—“It is difficult to convey an adequate sense of the magnitude of the cattle farms situated upon the Liebig Company's property in the Argentine, in Uruguay and Paraguay. Even a rapid round of all the estates, without spending more than a day and a night at each, would occupy the best part of three months. And the traveller would encounter, over the thousands of miles covered, a vast ocean of grass, ever being replenished, by a congenial climate, studded by innumerable herds of cattle, each perhaps comprising 2,000 to 4,000 head, and after some days he would begin to long for a change in the scene, for he would probably get satiated with the sight of so many cattle, albeit they are splendid beasts, whose sties are English pedigree bred. He would appreciate the curiously exhilarating and pure air; the sense of real fatigue comes but rarely in spite of hard travelling. He would admire the marvellously healthy-looking condition and cleanly and picturesque appearance of the cattle, due to careful breeding and selection of stock, and, above all, to the fact that every moment of their life day and night is spent in the open air. The whole camp is, in short, one stupendous example of the open-air life. It not only supplies abundance of good pasture and water, but it provides a continual supply of fresh vitalised air which effectually guards the cattle from those diseases to which they are prone.”

When the total acreage of the Lencos and Oxo farms is taken into account, coupled with the enormous head feeding thereon, some conception of the grass-yielding value of the pastures is gained. Apart from sheep, the stock of cattle at the present time is about 250,000, which are distributed over 1,500,000 acres of grass. On this estimate the allotment to each animal is about five acres of pasturage. The average daily amount of grass consumed by one animal is 38 pounds; a herd of 250,000 would, therefore, consume per diem 22,000,000 pounds of grass, or approximately 10,000 tons. The yearly consumption of grass would thus mean not far short of 4,000,000 tons. These quantities are prodigious, and they illustrate the increase which the land brings forth. Similarly, the annual amount of water consumed, based on the fact of one animal requiring 30 litres per day, would amount to 700,000,000 gallons per annum for the herd. These figures will convey some idea of the scale on which cattle farming is done in the Argentine and neighbouring States, but after all they refer only to the stock of one Company, which, however, is the largest stock held, as it is the finest bred by any individual concern. Altogether the cattle population of the Argentine is nearly 86,000,000 and in the Uruguay over 6,000,000 head.

The Commissioner describes the processes of manufacture, and makes a special point of the scientific supervision which is exercised over every detail; even the temperature at which Lencos and Oxo are prepared varies from day to day, with the age of the cattle, the season of the year, and the kind of pasture upon which they are reared. The details of veterinary inspection are most convincing, and the magnificent water supply described, diagrams being given comparing the volume of water in the River Uruguay with that in the Thames.

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THE ENTHRONEMENT CEREMONY CELEBRATION AT CANTON.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

CANTON, December 2.
To-day is the coronation day of the new Emperor, and all the consular flags and the flags of the gunboats in the harbour are flying for the day at the head of the mast. At noon a salute of eleven guns was fired on H.M.S. Robin and on one of the two French gunboats, and during the firing of the salute bunting was hoisted on the three gunboats.

A coronation ceremony was performed in the temple in the city and was attended by all the foreign consuls in full dress and by the Commissioner of Customs and the Postal Commissioner. The morning cloth was removed from the sedan chairs for the occasion.

For the Chinese officials matters were less simple. All the officials received orders to attend the ceremony. They had to go in mourning dress and on their arrival at the temple they had to put off their mourning clothes and don the official robes appropriate to the coronation ceremony.

Immediately after the ceremony they had to change their dress again and return to their mourning.

ROBBERS IN KWANGTUNG.

A Menace to the People.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

CANTON, December 2.
Robbers are very numerous on the borders of Kwangtung and Kwangsi, and they behave towards the peaceful inhabitants of the district just as they please. Although the officials have offered considerable rewards they are becoming bolder and bolder, particularly those who live in the wilder parts. The Prefect of Lok Ping has received urgent orders to get rid of these brigands and to station soldiers throughout the district to guard the people against such attacks.

STUDENTS RETURN TO STUDIES.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

CANTON, December 2.
More than one half of the students of the Whampoa Military College have returned to their studies and work at the college is going on as usual. A notice has been issued ordering the rest of the students to return immediately and giving the warning that those who refuse to obey the order will be charged with breaking the college rules.

WEATHER REPORT.

The following notice is issued by Mr. Meg of the Hongkong Observatory:-

On the 3rd at 11.55 a.m. the barometer has risen considerably from 31.15 to 31.25, and fallen slightly in W. Japan.
Pressure is highest over China to the North of the Yangtze; and lowest to the N.E. of Japan in the North, and over the S. Philippines in the South.

Strong monsoon will continue to prevail in the Formosa Channel, and N. and N.E. gales over the N. part of the China Sea.

Hongkong rainfall for the 24 hours ending at 10 a.m. to-day, 0.0 inches.

Forecast for the 24 hours ending at noon to-morrow.

Forecast District.
1.-Hongkong and Neighbourhood: N. to N.E. winds, fresh; dull, some rain.
2.-Formosa Channel: N.E. winds, strong.

3.-South coast of China between Hongkong and Lamochow: South, No. 1.
4.-South coast of China between Hongkong and Hainan: N. winds, strong.

EXCHANGE.

Hongkong, December 3, 1908.

On London	100/00
Bank Wire	100/00
On demand	100/00
30 days sight	100/00
4 months sight	100/00
6 months sight	100/00
On Paris	100/00
On demand	100/00
30 days sight	100/00
4 months sight	100/00
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On Yokohama	100/00
On demand	100/00
30 days sight	100/00
4 months sight	100/00
6 months sight	100/00
Gold Leaf, 100 fine (per tael)	100/00
Silver (per oz.)	100/00
Bar Silver in Hongkong	100/00
Chinese Copper Cash	100/00
Copper Cent	100/00
Rate of Native Interest	100/00
Chinese Sub. Coin	100/00
Hongkong Sub. Coin	100/00

TEMPERATURE.

Hongkong, Dec. 3, 1908.

BAROMETER—		1 P.M.	30.18
Do.		4 P.M.	30.12
Do.		9 A.M.	30.10
THERMOMETER—		1 P.M.	84
Do.		4 P.M.	82
Do.	(Wet bulb)	9 A.M.	80
Do.	Do.	1 P.M.	78
Do.	Do.	4 P.M.	76
Do.	Maximum		
Do.	Minimum over night		